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For the Year Ended

31st December 1965

MONMOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Public Health Staff

Medical Officer of Health - E. N. Dowell, M.R.C.S.,
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Public Health Inspector - P. A. Thomas, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.,
M.A. Rural S., M.R.I.P.H.H., Cert. S.I.B.,
Cert. Inspector of Meat and other foods.

General Statistics

Area (in acres)	54,858
Estimated Mid-year Population	6,060
Number of Inhabited Houses	2,046
Rateable Value	£91,103
Sum represented by a Penny rate	£348.11.9.

MONMOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Shaftesbury House,
Monnow Street,
Monmouth.

29th July, 1966.

To The Chairman and Members of the
Rural District of Monmouth

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on
the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your district for the year
ended 31st December, 1965.

The health of the district continues to be satisfactory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Thomas
for his help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

E. N. DOWELL.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS.

The estimated mid-year population was 6,060. In 1964 it was 6000. The natural increase, i.e. the figure which the number of births exceeds the number of deaths by, was 28. The natural increase in 1964 was 33.

Births.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	49	37	86
Illegitimate	5	2	7

Of the above only 15 were registered with the local Registrar. The highest number of births recorded since 1950 was 102 in 1954 and the lowest was 76 in 1960.

As in 1957 and 1964 there were no transferable or registered stillbirths. In 1960 there were 3 stillbirths.

Infant Mortality.

As in 1953 and 1957 there were no deaths of infants under one year of age. There were 4 deaths in 1956.

The infant mortality rate per 1000 live births for Monmouthshire was 21.21.

DEATHS In 1965.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Deaths	30	35	65

There were 53 deaths in 1964 and 96 in 1951.

There were 3 deaths attributed to malignant disease of lung in 1956.

The death rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 12.31.

The following table gives a classification of the cause of death and the number attributed to each cause.

Deaths 1965.

<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	--	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	3	2
Diabetes.	--	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	3	7
Coronary disease, angina.	2	2
Hypertension with heart disease.	-	1
Other heart disease.	5	4
Other circulatory disease.	1	-
Pneumonia.	-	6
Bronchitis.	1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system.	3	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents.	6	-
All other accidents.	1	3
TOTAL all causes	30.	35.

DIPHTHERIA.

For fourteen consecutive years, no cases have been notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATIONS.

During the year, 68 children were immunised against diphtheria. In 1964 the number of immunisations was 86.

Of the number immunised, 16 were babies born in 1965 and 36 were born in 1964.

VACCINATIONS (smallpox).

The number of primary vaccinations completed during the year was 43. This was a slight increase of the 1964 number which was 25.

POLIOMYELITIS.

For eight consecutive years, no case has been notified.

In the last thirteen years, only two cases have been notified and these occurred in 1955 and 1957.

As in previous years, the Mobile Infant Clinic visited the Rural District offering vaccinations.

FOOD POISONING.

One case of food poisoning was notified and the cause was Salmonella Enteritidis.

The patient was a male age 5 years and he was admitted to Hereford County Hospital.

Faecal specimens taken from 7 persons, family and persons engaged in milk production, were negative.

DYSENTARY.

As in 1964, no cases were notified. In 1959 there were 9 cases.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following were the notifications of new cases of tuberculosis received during the year:--

(i) Male.	74 years.	lungs.
(ii) Female.	14 years.	lungs.

In 1952 there were 10 notifications.

VACCINATION AGAINST ANTHRAX.

There are no establishments in your District using materials which might expose the workers to special risk of contracting the disease.

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

WATER

There was no acute shortage of water during the year under review but some pressure was experienced in maintaining supply and many members of the public using dip wells and shallow-seated springs in the northern area experienced a shortage during the latter end of the year. 42 samples were taken for bacteriological examination of raw and treated waters and basically all proved satisfactory in standard.

Further complaints were received during the year with regard to the Llandogo water supply which is acidic and which the Council have power under byelaws to prohibit the use of lead piping on domestic supplies. Members of the public complained that copper and aluminium fittings were being attacked and the Council's Water Department have the situation under review and the advice of the South East Monmouthshire Water Board was taken. The bulk of the Council's mains water is supplied from the Ffynnon Gaer and Wayne Springs supplemented by a supply at Llandenny from the Pontypool R.D.C. Raglan is supplied in bulk from the Abergavenny R.D.C. mains and until the advent of the Northern Area scheme most properties in this area will experience shortage difficulties from time to time.

During the year laboratory facilities were available at Newport and Hereford and these laboratories also performed any investigation required for the control of Infectious Diseases.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

During the year work started on enlarging Raglan sewage works and providing the Old Monmouth Road and Primrose Green area of the village with water borne sewerage system. The provision of this work will mean that all properties in the village of Raglan will be converted from pail and soil conservancy systems by the end of 1966.

During the year detailed reviews were undertaken of the Llandogo and Mitchel Troy areas with a view to providing water borne sewerage systems for these villages and it is hoped by 1966 that the full details will be available. Basically all new properties built in the Council's area are served by septic tank systems and disposal of effluent remains a problem where the heavy sub-soils are found. The Council scheme for the emptying of septic tanks and cesspits still operates and shows a further upward trend in its use by ratepayers during the year. The number of visits made by the Public Health Inspector in connection with drainage work was 243.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was found necessary during the year.

RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT 1951.

There are no registered premises in the area.

Refuse Collection and Public Cleansing.

There was no change in the methods adopted for the weekly and monthly collection and disposal of house refuse. However, during the year the Council gave active consideration to starting its own direct labour refuse collection and from the policy laid down during the year it is hoped that the service will commence in 1966. Refuse collection work was carried out by the Contractor under the supervision of your Council's Public Health Inspector. Tipping is of the semi-controlled type in disused quarries. The untidy state of the tips leaves much to be desired and The Hendre tip is rapidly becoming full and alternative sites are being sought.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by the Public Health Inspector, Mr. P. A. Thomas. At this juncture I must state I am indebted to the Public Health Inspector for the figures and details of his work contained in this report. The information has proved most useful in the preparation of this report.

Nuisances.

Number of complaints received	70
Number of complaints investigated	70
Number of premises inspected	52
Number of premises revisited	52
Number of Preliminary notices served	14
for (a) Structural defects	9
(b) Sanitary Defects	5
Number of Statutory Notices served	12

Result of Notices served

Number completed	7
Number in hand of builder	3

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises.

Number of licensed premises	25
Number of visits to such premises	34

Particular attention was given to the provision of sufficient and suitable sanitary accommodation and proper washing facilities.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

There were no new premises registered during the year and the enforcement of this Act has not been proceeded with due to lack of time available.

	<u>Total No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of inspections.</u>
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Offices	2)	
Retail shops	12)	
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-)	121
Catering Establishments	7)	
Fuel storage depots	-)	

Factories.

Number of factories on register	8
Number of inspections made	8

Caravan Licences.

Under the provision of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act the position is as follows.

Number of sites licensed permanently	0
Number of sites with limited period	1
Total number of caravans authorised	25

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

Number of Premises inspected as a result of notification or otherwise	38
Number of properties found to be infested	38
There were no properties seriously infested	
Number of Infested Properties treated by Local Authority	18
Number of notices served in respect of treatment	Nil

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Number of licensed pet shops	Nil
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Animal Boarding Establishment Act, 1963.

Number of Kennels licensed	1
Number of inspections	3

Housing Needs. Applicants for Council Houses.

There is still a definite demand for housing accommodation in the area. It must be remembered that apart from normal residents the demand is being increased due to the fact that our area is close to large industrial areas and that with the advent of the motor car distances to work are not as vital as they used to be and it would appear that everyone wishes to live in the countryside.

Housing needs (continued).

With regard to siting of council houses the heaviest demands are for areas adjoining bus routes and the current trend is for the largest number of applications to come from O.A.P's who wish to leave inconvenient accommodation for centres of population where they can shop easily and have company.

Building operations commenced at Llantilio and Raglan during the year and some 32 properties were under construction.

Housing. Private Enterprise.

Total Number of houses erected in the year	15
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House Purchase & Housing Act, 1959.

Number of houses approved for Discretionary Grants	Nil
Number of applications approved for Standard Grants	36

Section 5. Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Number of registered dairies in the area	2
Number of distributors licensed	2
Number of producer/distributors from outside Rural District	1
Number of producer/distributors in area.	4
Total number distributing in area	9

Record of Inspections.

Number of visits to dairies	10
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Meat.

There are two slaughterhouses in the area which are sufficient to meet the demands of the district and neighbourhood. Both premises have been run in accordance with the licences issued by the authority during the year and the co-operation of both owners has readily been available.

The Meat Regulations 1963.

The above regulations came into operation on the 1st October, 1963. The regulations require all meat to be inspected and marked when fit for human consumption. Complete inspection had been carried out prior to these regulations but the meat marking is a new innovation. The Council make no charges for meat inspection. 100% meat inspection has been maintained during the year.

Meat inspections.

Number of Inspections	259
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Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole and part.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs.
Number killed	246	2	3	1638	384
Number inspected	246	2	3	1638	384

All diseases except
tuberculosis & cysticercci

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	2	-
Carcases of which some part of organ condemned	21	-	-	17	13
% of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercci	11.7	-	-	.96	.29

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	9
% of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.43

During the year 2 beasts were found to be infected with *C. bovis*, the first time on record that it has been located in animals slaughtered in the Council's area. Refridgeration of the carcasses was carried out at the Cold Stores in Newport and investigations revealed that both animals had been imported into the area for finishing.

Cysticercci.

Carcases of which some part of organ condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refridgeration	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Total weight condemned of home killed in lbs. weight for T.B.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep Lambs.	Pigs.
Whole carcasses	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses	-	-	-	-	107½
Organs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	107½
<u>For other diseases</u>					
Whole carcasses	-	-	-	45	-
Part carcasses	-	-	-	-	-
Organs	321½	-	-	73½	17
	321½	-	-	118½	17

Other Foods.

Type of Food Premises.	No.	Inspections.	Notices.	No. registered under Sec. 16 F & D. Act 1955.
Cafe/Restaurant	7	24	-	-
Grocers	16	19	-	-
Butchers	4	41	-	4
Sweets	11	13	-	-
Bakehouses	1	7	-	-
Icecream producer/retailers	-	-	-	-
Icecream retailers	30	17	-	30
School Canteens	12	16	-	-

Other Foods Condemned

Number of tins condemned)
 Number of lbs. of other foods condemned.) No requests were received
 during the year.

Food Hygiene Regulations.

Frequent inspections have been made of food premises and improvement effected in a number of premises.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food.

1. The Council require owners of the slaughterhouses to inform them where meat is disposed. Meat is stained with a green vegetable dye and disposed of to a processing firm.
2. Condemned tins etc. are disposed of by burying in the Council tip.

APPENDIX. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1961.

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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.
Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on register.	Inspect- ions.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
1. Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	8	8	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by local authority	10	11	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	18	19	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases).

	No. of cases in which defects were found.		Referred		No. of cases in which prosecutions instituted.
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

There are two outworkers in the district and regular inspections were made on their premises.

Yours faithfully,

E. N. DOWELL,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

